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SUBJECT: REPLY TO LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES

PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY
KISSINGER TO FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES:

1. QUOTE. DEAR MR. MINISTER: I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR
LETTER OF FEBRUARY 7 AND AMBASSADOR HILL'S REPORT OF
HIS CONVERSATION WITH YOU REVIEWING THE DECISION OF YOUR
GOVERNMENT TO POSTPONE THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING.

2. IN YOUR LETTER YOU SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR ADJUSTMENTS
AND CLARIFICATION OF PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT. IN THE
STATEMENTS I MADE ON JANUARY 27 AND 28, COPIES OF WHICH
AMBASSADOR HILL GAVE YOU, I NOTED THE COMPLEXITIES UNDER
OUR CONSTITUTION IN THIS SENSITIVE FIELD. WE IN THE
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EXECUTIVE BRANCH SHALL BE CONSULTING WITH THE CONGRESS

ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE TRADE ACT. I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CONGRESS WILL BE SYMPATHETIC TO OUR VIEWS. WHILE WE ARE DOING THIS, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO DISCUSS A RANGE OF ISSUES, INCLUDING TRADE.

3. I APPRECIATE THE CANDOR OF YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT MY TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA. AS MY PLANS TAKE SHAPE, I WILL WRITE YOU ABOUT DATES. I HAVE ASKED BILL ROGERS TO DISCUSS THE TRIP WITH YOU WHEN HE VISITS BUENOS AIRES THE LATTER PART OF THIS MONTH. IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE NOTED YOUR PREFERENCE FOR MARCH. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT BUENOS AIRES WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE FIRST STOP.

4. WITH WARMEST REGARDS TO YOU AND MRS. VIGNES IN WHICH MRS. KISSINGER JOINS. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
UNQUOTE. MAW

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